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Game 1966AQ

CZAR REJECTS FRENCH TERMS

Winter 1910

Fall retreats:

RUSSIA (Reinsel): Army Kiel to Denmark.

FRANCE (Thompson): Fleet North Sea to English Channel.

TURKEY (Greene): Fleet Tyrrhenian Sea to Naples.

The builds:

FRANCE: Build fleet Brest. Build army Paris.

TURKEY: Build fleet Smyrna.

Deadline for moves for Spring 1911 is Friday, 1 December 1967.

PRESS RELEASES

St. Petersburg. Russia rejoices in her naval victory in the North Sea. We invite Abdul Gamel Green to our Chief of Staff's meeting to plan further progress. Meanwhile Russia has sent the following message to France: "Only if Turkey attacks us will we agree to your terms! We do not desire nor expect such an attack!"

Paris. The formation of a new army in Paris will mark the beginning of the defense of France's homeland.

Marseilles. Again the Turks will find that they can make no gains against the French. It is rumored that the new fleet constructed in Brest will be deployed in the Mid-Atlantic.

Barcelona. The Spanish underground switched from Turkish flags to Russian flags. It appears that even the diehards have realized that Turkey is no match for the genius of French planning.

Toulon. At all levels the confidence of the French fleet is high. "The Turks will never put a fleet in French waters" is the constant theme of fore-deck and ward-room alike.

Constantinople. The people here in this great city daily expect to hear the fabulous news that the friendly Russian bear has finally invaded England. Expectations of this event are well based on fact.

Acre. The Peeriest party today attempted to assassinate Abdul Gamel Green. This move was obviously a plot to win the up coming elections. This is because, if Abdul were killed, the Peeriest Party might have a chance with no other candidate running. Even then it might be close, though.

Hebron. The Royalist-Republican Party today reported that Peery's money was operating again. A bribe to the sum of 5, 000, 000 U. S. dollars, was offered so Abdul wouldn't run. Abdul, naturally, didn't accept the bribe.

	Abdul Gamel Green	Ben Peery	Ben Peery bought votes	No opinion
Like	99.5%	0.5%		
Will vote for	47%	0%	26%	27%

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Ratings by Countries

In the last issue of Jutland Jollies Derek Nelson suggests that there should be a rating list based on countries. I am not sure that I understand exactly what he intends. However, using just finished games, there is listed below, and on the following pages, the score of every player who has played that country, using the score as obtained in the usual EROB Rating List. Data are for all the seven-man games included in EROB Completed Game Rating List #13, published last issue. Results for England are as follows:

+6.0	+4.9	James Dygert	- 0.5	-1.6	Dan Brannan (2)
		Alan Huff			
		Derek Nelson	-1.0	-2.1	Ron Bounds
+4.0	+2.9	Richard Bryant	-2.0	-3.1	Brenda Banks
		Ken Davidson			
		Jim Sanders	-3.0	-4.1	Jack Harness
		Rod Walker			
+3.5	+2.4	John Smythe (2)	-4.0	-5.1	Roland Tzudiker
+3.3	+1.2	Earl Thompson (3)	-5.0	-6.1	Jim Latimer
					Fred Lerner
+2.0	+0.9	Mark Owings	-6.0	-7.1	Phil Castora.

It will be noticed that after some names a figure appears in brackets. Those individuals have played the country more than once and the figure indicates the number of times they have played the country, here England, in completed games. I thought that for a listing of this type an average would be more interesting than a total. Smythe, for example, got a score of 6 in a game in which he won playing England, and a score of +1 in another game playing that country in which he tied for third place. The score shown here, +3.5, is the mean of those two figures.

If one refers to the Country List attached to the Rating List in the last issue one sees that England has a total score of +24 on the 22 games considered. That is the average player for England received +1.1 points per game. In the second score column, above, this amount, 1.1, is subtracted from each player's raw score. Therefore, a player who has a score appreciably above zero in this second column has done better than the average player for the country, a player with a markedly minus score has done worse than the average. An exactly similar scheme is used in tabulating the results for the six other countries on the following pages.

France

+8.0 +5.5 Charles Wells
+4.0 +3.5 Don Derman
John Koning
Robert Lake
Derek Nelson
Charles Turner
+2.0 +1.5 Hal Maus
Jock Root (3)
+1.0 +0.5 Ken Davidson
Bob Ward
0.0 -0.5 Jack Chalker
Ben Hendin
Mark Owings
-2.0 -2.5 James MacKenzie
Gregory Moleneau
Jim Sanders
-4.0 -4.5 Alan Huff
Art Canfil
-6.0 -6.5 John Sandoval
Earl Thompson

Country Rating, 22 games, +10.0
Score correction -0.5

Germany

+5.0 +6.7 Frank Clark
+4.0 +5.7 John Koning
+0.7 +2.4 John McCallum (3)
0.0 +1.7 Dan Brannan
John Davey
James Goldman
-2.0 -0.3 Stephen Barr
Jerald Jacks
Dave Lebling
Charles Reinsel
Richard Schultz
Anders Swenson
-4.0 -2.3 Margaret Gemignani
Paul Harley
Stuart Keshner
Bernie Kling
John Mazar
-5.0 -3.3 Stephen Patt
-6.0 -4.3 Phil Castora
Bob Ward

Country Rating, 22 games, -38
Score correction +1.7

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Announcement.

Stephen P. Hueston, P. O. Box 25, Zenith, Washington, 98073, announces that he will shortly begin publication of a new journal, The Lost Ones. The Lost Ones will carry a game of Kriegspiel Diplomacy. The fee is two dollars. He has sent out invitations to several well known players. However, it is likely that not all of these will be free to play so, those interested in a game of this variant, should write the editor of the new journal and apply for a place.

Kriegspiel Diplomacy is a variant where, after the first move, you have no certain information of the location of foreign forces, only of your own. Location of hostile forces can only be determined through discussion with allies, developing an espionage service to read enemy mail, and similar means.

Italy

+6.0	+6.4	Jerry Pournelle
+4.0	+4.4	Banks Hebane Derek Nelson
+3.0	+3.4	John Smythe (3)
+2.0	+2.4	Bob Ward
+1.0	+1.4	Bill Christian
0.0	+0.4	John Boardman Terry Kuch Jim Sanders Roland Tzudiker
-1.5	-1.1	John Koning (2)
-2.0	-1.6	Alan Huff
-2.5	-2.1	Conrad von Metzke (2)
-4.0	-3.6	Bob Cline James MacKenzie
-5.0	-4.6	Tom Bulmer Dan Brannan James Goldman

Country Score, 22 games, -9
Score correction +0.4

Austria-Hungary

+6.0	+6.2	John McCallum John Smythe
+4.0	+4.2	Len Atkins John Koning Dian Pelz Charles Weinsel
+2.0	+2.2	Frank Clark Dave Lebling Donald Miller Bob Ward
+1.5	+1.7	Conrad von Metzke
0.0	+0.2	Derek Nelson
-2.0	-1.8	Phil Castora
-4.0	-3.8	Dennis Frisch
-5.0	-4.8	Jerald Jacks Roland Tzudiker Richard Uhr
-6.0	-5.8	Paul Harley Bernie Kling Fred Lerner

Country score, 22 games, -5
Score correction +0.2

Announcements

Those who received rating blanks from Larry Peery, who have not yet completed them and returned them, should do so immediately, as the deadline is just about one week away.

I am anxious to purchase back issues of all Diplomacy magazines. Of course, if what you are offering is recent material of which I already have a couple of copies, I can't offer you much more than your postal expenses in mailing me the stuff. If, however, you have early copies of Graustark, Ruritania, or similar early, and desired, material, we can haggle about the price.

I also want to buy copies of the Journal of Recreational Math (now defunct). Write stating price, condition, and so on.

Russia

+6.0 +6.2 Jim Latimer
Bruce Pelz

+5.0 +5.2 Rick Brooks
John Moning

+4.0 +4.2 Kenneth Levinson
Conrad von Metzke (2)

+2.0 +2.2 John McCallum
Derek Nelson
John Smy the

0.0 +0.2 Ed Baker

-2.0 -1.8 James Dygert
Al Goggins
Bill Schreffler

-3.0 -2.8 Ron Bounds

-4.0 -3.8 Dan Brannan
Dick Schultz (2)

-6.0 -5.8 Jack Chalker
Thomas Gorman
Don Recklies
Joel Sattel

Country score, 22 games, -5
Score correction +0.2

Turkey

+6.0 +5.0 Donald Miller
Jerry Pournelle
Charles Wells (2)

+5.0 +4.0 James MacKenzie (2)
Banks Kebane

+4.0 +3.0 Larry Peery
Chris Wagner

+1.5 +0.5 Dan Brannan (2)

+1.0 0.0 Terry Huston
Anders Swenson

-1.0 -2.0 Jack Harness
Conrad von Metzke (2)

-2.0 -3.0 John Boardman

-3.0 -4.0 John McCallum

-4.0 -5.0 Bill Schreffler

-4.5 -5.5 Barry Gold (2)

-6.0 -7.0 Sidney Get

Country Score, 22 games, 23
Score correction -1.0

And that was in Jutland Jollies, #5, that Derek's editorial appeared. Copies available from Bob Lake, Apt. 904, Esterbrooke Ave., Willowdale, Ontario.

I must say that I am very dubious about the value of such a listing, at least at this time. When Rating Lists first appeared, something over two years ago, only a few games had been completed, and everyone stated that they couldn't mean much until there was more data available. Well, it is only now, two years later, that we have arrived at the stage where such active and long-time players as Derek himself, Brannan, Moning, von Metzke, and the like are now rated on a half dozen games or so. And it is only now that we can begin to feel that Rating Lists do give some information, at least about such frequent players as those whose names are mentioned above. But if we split those scores up among the seven countries we are right back where we started. A man is rated on the basis of a single game and it is hard to tell what his score means, if anything. However, there is hope for the future. Within the last three months seven games have ended and been brought

into the Rating Lists. It would seem reasonable to suppose that that rate will be maintained, and perhaps increased, through the coming year. If so we will have data from some fifty or sixty games by the end of 1968 and it may then be possible to say, with at least a little confidence, something like, "Derek plays England, France, Italy, and Russia well, but he appears to be less happy with Germany." Taking the tables above at face value, one could say it now, but with very little confidence.

Strangely, during the 4 or 5 days immediately prior to getting the issue of Jutland Jollies mentioned, I had two long letters from John Moning, and there has been another one since. He also is concerned with the effect of countries on ratings, although his approach is quite different from the above. I think he plans to publish his views on the subject in stab so I will say no more here, other than to urge all interested in Rating Lists to not let their subscriptions to stab run out.

Game 1966AK

Last issue we congratulated a PROB player, Charles Wells on his third win; this issue we congratulate one on his first. Monte Zelazny has just won game 1966AK, Big Brother #2, playing Austria. Monte first entered postal Diplomacy about 16 months ago. He entered some 4 or 5 games and speedily became a major power in all of them. This is, however, his first win and, in fact, his first game to be completed. Many more wins, Monte!

As Big Brother does not provide a centre year chart for this game, one is given below.

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	
England	4	5	6	8	8	7	7	8	8	7	6	5	3	
France	6	5	7	8	9	7	7	7	6	4	1	1	OUT	
Germany	4	3	1	OUT										
Italy	4	4	4	2	2	1	OUT							
Austria	4	6	6	8	8	10	10	10	10	12	15	15	18	Wins!
Russia	6	4	2	OUT										
Turkey	4	5	6	7	7	9	10	9	10	11	12	13	13	

Gamesmaster: Charles Weinsel. Players: England, James Mackenzie. France, Edi Birsan. Germany, Conrad von Metzke. Italy, Margaret Gemignani. Austria, Rod Walker, replaced in 1901 by Monte Zelazny. Russia, Charles Alexander. Turkey Jim Dygert.

Word of the results of this game arrived too late for inclusion in the listing given on the preceding pages. It does, however, give rise to a new PROB Completed Game Rating List, given of the following page.

Brobdingnag Completed Game Rating List - #14

Games included: 1963A, B, 1964A, B, D, 1965A, B, D, E, F, G, H, I, L, M, O, S, T, 1966B, D, E, K, O, R, AK, AP. Games underlined are 5-man games and not included in the country listing.

+24	John Smythe (4W7)	0	Ed Baker Edi Birsan Bill Bogert Christina Braunan John Davey Ben Hendin Alan Huff (1W3) Terry Kuch Dave Lebling Geo. Parks
+20	Derek Nelson (2W6)		
+18	Charles Wells(3W3)		
+14	John Roning		
+12	Jerry Pournelle (2W2)		
+ 9	Banks Mebane	- 1	Terry Huston Anders Swenson Conrad von Metzke (1W7) Bob Ward
+ 8	James Dygert(1W3) Donald Miller (1W2) Charles Turner (1W2)	- 2	Bob Adams Brenda Banks Stephen Barr John Boardman Al Goggins Gregory Moleneer
+ 7	Frank Clark John McCallum (1W7)	- 3	Ron Bounds
+ 6	James MacFenzie (1W5) Bruce Pelz (1W1) Jock Root Monte Zelazny (1W1)	- 4	Clint Figglesstone Art Canfil Bob Cline Dennis Erisch James Goldman Jack Harness John Mazor Dave McDaniel
+ 5	Rick Brooks Ken Davidson	- 5	Charles Alexander Tom Bulmer Stuart Meshner Stephen Patt Richard Uhr
+ 4	Len Atkins Don Berman Richard Bryant Bob Lake Kenneth Levinson Larry Peery Dian Pelz Chris Wagner Rod Walker	- 6	Jack Chalker Margaret Gemignani Sidney Get Thomas Gorman Don Recklies John Sandoval Joel Sattel Bill Schreffler
+ 2	Hal Maus Mark Owings Charles Reinsel Gail Schow Jim Sanders		
+ 1	Bill Christian James Latimer (1W2) Earl Thompson		

- 7	Jerald Jacks		<u>Partial Current Rating List</u>
- 8	Dan Brannen	+26	Charles Wells
- 9	Darry Gold	+24	John McCallum
-10	Paul Marley	+23	John Moning
	Bernie Kling		
	Richard Schultz	+19	Derek Nelson
-12	Fred Lerner	+18	James Dygert
-14	Phil Castora	+17	Jerry Bournelle
	Roland Tzudiker		John Smythe

The Country List

Turkey	+27	59.89	+16	Charles Turner
England	+26	59.4		Monte Zelazny
France	+10	53.6	+15	Donald Miller
Austria	+ 1	50.4	+13	Larry Feery
Russia	-10	46.4		Charles Reinsel
Italy	-11	46.0		Bob Walker
Germany	-43	34.4		

The objection has sometimes been made to this type of Rating List, and the same objection applies to the Centro-Year listings, that it treats the winner just like everyone else. The winner, of course, gets a little more than the second player, just as the second player gets a little more than the third survivor, but otherwise he is on a par with the other players. There is a contrary point of view, and it is one held by several notable players: namely, that a win is something sui generis, and incapable of being measured on the same scale as one uses in awarding points to other survivors. In an effort to give the information required by people holding that philosophy, a change of notation has been adopted with this edition of the list. Previously a winner was noted by adding (W) after his name. In this list that has been changed to 4W7, to take John Smythe as an example. This means that John has won 4 games; and that, so far, he has been rated on 7 games. He may have been in more than 7: for instance, he may have been in another game, resigned his position which was taken over by some one else, the game now being credited to that player who took over. The seven means that seven completed games have been assigned to Smythe; of those 7 he won 4. Similarly for other winners.

Game 1966AV

Summer 1909

There was an error in reporting the Spring moves. The retreating English Fleet may not retreat to Apulia, as the attack which dislodged it came from there. A player has requested, as is his right, that the Fall moves be postponed until after publication of the retreat. Deadline for Fall moves is accordingly set for 1 December 1967.

The Retreat: ENGLAND (Wells): Fleet Ionian to Tunis.

My apologies to the players in 1986/V for hiding their game in the back like this. However, more than half of the issue had been typed when the retreat, and the request for time extension arrived.

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Sealed Bag

Harry Manegg, P. O. Box 769, Mankakee, Illinois, 60901:

Just talked to Rod Walker on the phone. He is getting settled in - despite the trouble from the cat I gave him. Any enemies of Rod are directed to send contributions to a memorial fund for cat Wlodimir III to me. Any friends of Rod are directed to send contributions for replacement of Turkish rug, convertible top, and extra band aids to Rod.

((+(Are you and Rod, perchance, "allies" in some game somewhere? If so I think Rod should have that cat's claws inspected for traces of poison, pathogenic biological cultures, or the like. However, I am glad to see that it wasn't fatal; in witness of which, see letter below. -jamcc)+))

Rod Walker, 1611 Lowry Drive, Montoul, Ill., 61866:

This is to clear up an error which crept into EROB 73; Charles Wells imputes the invention of the "sealed-order" idea to me, when in fact it belongs to Cliff Ollila of International Enquirer. My more elaborate description of his idea was merely by way of adopting it, with modifications. It's a good idea, and I'd like to give credit where credit is due. Wells also errs in saying that I have not put the system into operation. I have, in Erehwon II, 4, called for sealed orders from all and sundry.

It has been suggested, both in EROB and by my friend Harry Manegg, that I design a game using the Russian Civil War. I must confess that the idea intrigues me, since I wrote my M.A. thesis on that subject and my wife avidly collects books about it. However -- I will not run such a game in Erehwon because I'm too crowded already. Therefore, I wish to serve notice that if anyone will run the game in another line, I will design it. Count on a game using 9 - 11 players, or more. I will have Russian factions, plus outside interests like Poland, Japan, the U.S., the Entente, Germany, Turkey, and like that. Fun, fun! But somebody has to run it. Anybody?

((+(Well, Charles, John, Charles, John, Charles, Harry, Greg, Doug, Cliff, Don, Dave, Stephen, you have heard the man. Who is going to run the first game of Russian Civil War Diplomacy? It certainly sounds like one of the more interesting variants. By the way, if anyone is wondering about Erehwon, Rod states in another part of his letter that he expects to publish the next issue on or about the first of December. And get out your recordings of the sound track of "Dr. Zhivago"; it would seem just the thing as background music for composing press releases for the proposed variant. - jamcc)+))

Clif Ollila, 911 21st St. East (Apt.6), Minneapolis, Minn., 55404:

About the "stalemate" games I intend to administer them thusly:

A. After three years have gone by without supply centers changing hands, I will call for a proposed "campaign to win the war" from each player.

B. If no satisfactory "campaign" is sent in and all players agree to a draw so be it - "c'est tout!"

C. If no satisfactory "campaign" is sent in and no players agree to a draw, the game will be placed on a subscription basis, whereby, each year, or 10 issues, the players will each pay ((an additional)) \$1 in the hope of winning.

D. In the event of one or two people not agreeing to a draw and not submitting a satisfactory campaign plan, while the others do agree to a draw, the player or players wishing to continue the game shall pay accordingly. For instance, if two players want to continue and two don't, the two who do will have to pay \$2 each.

So you don't think sealed orders are a good idea, hey? How dare you insult my creation? Take that and that and that and that and that and...click. Hmmm, only six bullets.

I had visualized sealed orders as something along the lines of your plan of campaign idea for stalemated games. The whole idea is to separate those who care and deserve a neutral player to make some moves, in accordance with those sealed orders, and those who don't deserve a neutral player to protect his interests and his allies. The player can send in sealed orders each time to insure against postal and other types of accidents.

((+(What I have sometimes done in games where my interest was great enough to warrant it, was to send in a set of orders immediately on receiving the magazine, this set of orders being something that my own forces could do on their own. Then, after that, I'd contact allies and potential allies. If I got a favorable response from them I'd send in revised moves. That way, whether or not negotiations have a favorable outcome, and whether or not the revised moves are in time to make the deadline, one is protected and will not be caught completely unprepared. And it can be done now in almost every game without all the machinery of "sealed" orders and a neutral stand by player.-jamco+))

New Blood

Robert E. Johnson, 24 Captolene Ave., Bloomington, NJ, 07403,

Laurence Kusiecki, 34 Sharon St., Brooklyn, NY, 11211,

Bill Kaeppfer, 556 North Lillard, Dearborn, Mich., 48128,

William R. Connelly, 15 Devarre Road, Rochester, NY,

all wrote and requested information on game vacancies.

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